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Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy Files for ‘Intervenor Status’ to Stop Spectra Pipeline ***Application also Requests 30-day Extension to Review more than 2,000-pages of Spectra Filing Documents***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy announced today that he, on behalf of the City of Jersey City, has filed for “**Intervenor Status**” with the **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)** in an attempt to stop Spectra Energy from running a **natural gas pipeline** through Jersey City.

Mayor Healy, who has spoken out against the pipeline on numerous occasions dating back to last January, said it was imperative that the city file for Intervenor Status to protect its ability to oppose this pipeline moving forward. Spectra formally filed its more than 2,000-page application with FERC on Dec. 20th, 2010.

“While Spectra claims to have changed certain elements of its route and planned pipeline expansion, the core concerns we have for our city have not been abated,” said **Mayor Healy**. “This pipeline would run highly-pressurized natural gas through some of the city’s most densely populated neighborhoods, by several schools, parks and critical transportation infrastructure. Unless this pipeline is re-routed out of Jersey City, we will not be satisfied.”

The proposed Spectra pipeline is part of the New Jersey-New York Expansion project, that would run several miles of pipeline from Spectra’s plant in Linden to a Con Edison plant on the west side of Manhattan. The project’s primary and immediate purpose is to deliver gas to Consolidated Edison’s New York customers.

“We continue to be opposed to this pipeline, which places all the risk on Jersey City, while delivering all the benefit to New York City,” said **Mayor Healy**. “As evidenced by the tragic explosion of a similar natural gas pipeline in San Bruno, Calif., in September, the failure of this proposed high pressure gas pipeline in Jersey City would be catastrophic.”

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